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SUBJ: ISRAELI SETTLEMENTS ON GOLAN HEIGHTS

1. DURING TRIP TO GOLAN HEIGHTS OCT 2, EMBOFFS OBSERVED
FOLLOWING NEW ISRAELI SETTLEMENTS AND SETTLEMENT-RELATED
ACTIVITY (ALL COORDINATES BASED ON 1973 SURVEY OF ISRAEL MAP):

A. KATZRIN-LOCATED AT 3259N 3542E. SITE IS SLATED
TO BE LOCATION OF EVENTUAL URBAN CENTER SERVICING ALL
SETTLEMENTS IN AREA. ONLY ACTIVITY PRESENTLY IN PROGRESS
IS GRADING OF LAND AREA APPROXIMATELY 500 METERS SQUARE.
HOUSING MINISTER OFER, HOWEVER, SAID DURING VISIT THERE ON SEPT 26
THAT IL 91 MILLION HAS BEEN ALLOCATED FOR CONSTRUCTION OF 200
HOUSING UNITS AND ASSOCIATED BUSINESS AND COMMUNITY FACILITIES.

B. KESHET-AFFILIATED WITH NATIONAL RELIGIOUS PARTY (NRP).
SETTLEMENT APPEARS TO HAVE COOPTED ABOUT TWENTY
BUILDINGS IN NORTHEASTERN CORNER OF FORMER SYRIAN TOWN OF
KHUSHNIYA. (3300N 3549E). EACH BUILDING COULD HOUSE TWO
FAMILIES AND ABOUT HALF APPEAR TO BE OCCUPIED. IN ADDITION,
HALF-DOZEN MOBILE HOMES HAVE BEEN INSTALLED IN SAME AREA.

C. JONATHAN-UNAUTHORIZED NRP SETTLEMENT SET INTO
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WESTERN SLOPES OF TEL FARJ (3258N 3550E). JONATHAN IS ONE

OF FOUR PROPOSED SETTLEMENTS RECENTLY REFERRED BY MINISTERAIL COMMITTEE ON SETTLEMENTS TO FULL CABINET FOR DECISION. (TEL AVIV 5891) THERE ARE CURRENTLY THIRTEEN INDIVIDUALS AT THE SITE, QK WITH PLANS TO EXPAND TO THIRTY. ONLY HOUSING FACILITIES PRESENTLY AVAILABLE ARE OBVIOUSLY TEMPORARY UNITS OF CORRUGATED METAL.

2. EMBOFFS WERE UNABLE TO LOCATE HISPIT, NEW REGIONAL CENTER DESIGNED TO SUPPORT ORTHODOX NRP SETTLEMENTS, WHICH PRESS REPORTED WAS INAUGURATED BY OFER ON SEPT 25. LOCATION RXO PONDS TO SITE OF NRP AFFILIATED MOSHAV TEL ZAYIT (3251N 3547E), WHERE SIGNS WERE FOUND SAYING "KRAF GANAT". ASSISTANT DIRECTOR GENERAL OF HOUSING MINISTRY HAS CLARIFIED SITUATION FOR US AS FOLLOWS: HISPIT REGIONAL CENTER WILL BE LOCATED ON LAND ADJACENT TO RYNACXIL ZAYIT. AT TEL ZAYIT ITSELF THERE ARE CURRENTLY 20 TWO-FAMILY HOUSING UNITS UNDER CONSTRUCTION, OF WHICH HALF ARE READY FOR OCCUPANCY. "KFAR GANAT" REFERS TO SPECIFIC GROUP OF SETTLERS WITH INDUSTRIAL SKILLS, FORMERLY HOUSED NEAR BENI YEHUDAH (3248N 3541E), WHO WILL NOW FORM NUCLEUS OF WORKERS AT HISPIT.

3. BNEI YEHUDAH IS BEING GREATLY EXPANDED TO FULFILL ITS PLANNED FUNCTION AS A REGIONAL CENTER FOR THE LABOR PARTY SETTLEMENTS IN THE NEIGHBORING AREA. APPROXIMATELY SIXTY NEW SINGLE-FAMILY UNITS ARE IN VARYING STAGES OF CONSTRUCTION, WHICH WHEN OCCUPIED WILL MAKE A TOTAL OF MORE THAN 100 UNITS.

4. TWO OF ESTABLISHED KIBBUTZIM NEAR PRESENT DISENGAGEMENT LINE, BOTH AFFILIATED WITH ABDIT AVODAH, ARE ALSO UNDER-GOING EXPANSION. MERON GOLAN, THE OLDEST AND LARGEST SETTLEMENT ON THE GOLAN, HAS RECENTLY ADDED TEN TWO-FAMILY UNITS AND AN ADDITIONAL SIX ARE CURRENTLY UNDER CONSTRUCTION. THESE WILL BRING THE TOTAL OF HOUSING UNITS CLOSE TO 150. AT EL ROM, SIX RECENTLY COMPLETED FOUR-UNIT (TWO-STORY), BUILDINGS ARE OCCUPIED, WITH AN ADDITIONAL TEN UNDER CONSTRUCTION. ALSO OF APPARENTLY RECENT CONSTRUCTON ARE SIX THREE-UNIT (ONE-STORY) BUILDINGS.
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